

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-24 and 37-54 remain in the application.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1-24 and 37-54 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,612,858.

In order to facilitate prosecution of the application, enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c). Accordingly, claim 1-24 and 37-54 are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-24 and 37-54 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

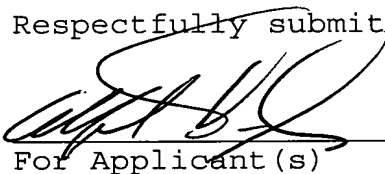
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If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition
for extension is herewith made.

Since it is believed that only allowable claims remain, the
early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner &
Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

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